

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheet of drawings includes a replacement sheet for Figure 1.

Attachment: Replacement sheet

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 and 12-16 are pending in the above-identified application.

Drawing Objection

Applicant submits a new Figure 1 and requests withdrawal of the outstanding objection.

Request for Interview with Examiner

It is respectfully requested that the Patent Examiner grant an Interview with Applicant's representative in the near future in connection with the above-identified application. Applicant's representative will contact the Examiner within the next few weeks to attempt to arrange such an Interview. The purpose of such an Interview would be to help Applicant's representative clarify his understanding of the Examiner's interpretation of the scope of the prior art, as well as to determine if any additional evidence can be presented in order to address the issues raised in the Final Office Action. **In any case, if the Examiner must issue an Office Action before an Interview can be arranged, it is respectfully requested that such an Office Action not be made "final" so that Applicant can have the opportunity to present additional arguments and/or evidence.**

Intent to Submit Declaration under 37 CFR 1.132 in Future

Applicant intends to submit a Declaration under 37 CFR 1.132 in order to further support the patentability of the present claims, as well as provide significant evidence regarding the distinctions over the cited references. Applicant's representative would like to discuss the Declaration at the above-requested Interview.

Submission of Information Disclosure Statement

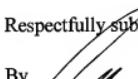
Submitted with this Submission and RCE is an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS). It is requested that the Examiner fully consider all references listed on the SB/08 form pursuant to MPEP 609.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Andrew D. Meikle, Reg. No. 32,868, at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Enclosures: Figure 1
Information Disclosure Statement